

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 36. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Good	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	48.1	57.7	51.1	60.3	62.8	66.1
• Passed 2 subtests	21.4	16.3	18.0	20.1	18.9	16.7
• Passed 1 subtest	21.4	14.4	17.3	12.2	11.3	10.5
• Passed no subtests	9.2	11.5	13.5	7.4	6.9	6.6

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	16.8%	17.1%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	16.8%	18.1%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	62.1%	47.4%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	90.9%	16.8%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	71.4%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	92.2%	18.8%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	88.1%	16.3%	
Female	94.1%	17.4%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	73.5%	3.2%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	98.6%	24.2%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	83.7%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	95.5%	25.4%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	87.2%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	82.1%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,229	N/A	\$5,304	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	86.9%	Down from 95.9%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.5 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=547)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	50.0%	N/A	41.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 97.0%	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	7.5%	Down from 10.8%	10.6%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=42)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.0 Days	Down from 5.8	7.7 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 99.3%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	33.3%	Down from 35.1%	47.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	54.8%	Up from 50.0%	79.3%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.8%	Up from 4.3%	2.3%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	74.0%	Up from 68.9%	85.1%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,185	Up 0.3%	\$37,539	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	4.9%	Up from 2.3%	3.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	50.9%	N/A	57.6%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	55.8%	N/A	61.0%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	9.7%	Down from 10.5%	10.0%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	14	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	12.2%	Down from 19.6%	6.6%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	14.5%	Down from 15.0%	10.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	23.6%	N/A	6.0%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	449	N/A	403	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	96.0%	N/A	29.3%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

At Saluda High School we feel that all students can learn and need to experience success. We have high expectations for all of our students and we are committed to providing the best possible education for all students. Among our accomplishments are the following:

Our school had 2 seniors recognized as Palmetto Fellows.  
Our school had 59 seniors to receive Life Scholarships.  
Four students accepted to the Governor's School Summer Program.  
One student to receive the National Beta Club Scholarship.  
100% of our special needs students on diploma track received a diploma.  
Positive feedback from students, teachers, and parents concerning our Academic Afternoon Program, which is designed to provided additional help for students.  
Our band received the Outstanding Performance Award.  
Three athletic teams(football, basketball, and baseball) made it to the state playoffs.

Teacher and administrative turnover has been a major problem in this district. We had to replace two classroom teachers in the middle of the 2000-2001 school year. Even though we started the school year with a new principal, a new assistant principal, and several new faculty members, Saluda High School experienced a good year. The administration, teachers, staff, and parents worked together to ensure that our students are prepared for higher education and/or the world of work.  
Diane F. Mithcell, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	46.3	44.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	55.0	67.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	33.3	70.6	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 547 Students

#### Principal

Ms. Diane Mitchell 864-445-2564

#### Superintendent

Nelson N. Perry 864-445-8441

#### Board Chair

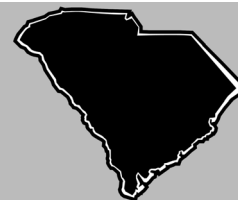
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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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